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DCR TO ACCEPT APPLICATIONS FOR MOORING LOTTERY

60 mooring spots for small boats available in the Charles River Basin

The Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) will begin accepting applications on Friday, March 20, for a May 4 lottery to award 60 public moorings in the Charles River.

The moorings, on the Cambridge side of the river just downstream of the Longfellow Bridge, are available for private pleasure boats up to 35 feet long and are awarded for one season. No commercial boats or boats for hire are allowed. The moorings are located between the First Street Landing and Poorman's Landing.

DCR will charge boat owners \$6 per linear foot of their boat for the season, and will require boat owners obtain and install an appropriate, Coast Guard-approved, mooring. A small dinghy dock is available for use by boat owners who have one of the DCR moorings.

The deadline to apply for the lottery is May 1. Applicants must include a copy of a current Massachusetts boat registration for the boat to be moored. The mooring season runs May 15-November 13, and moorings must be removed at the boat owner's expense by November 14.

Applications for the 2009 moorings lottery can be obtained by calling DCR offices at 617-626-1416. Applications also can be picked up in person at 251 Causeway Street, Boston, 8th floor, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Send completed applications to Tom Hustus, DCR Park Ranger Marine Unit, 8th floor, 251 Causeway Street, Boston, MA 02114.

DCR will notify candidates about the status of their application by phone within 10 days after the lottery.

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